

## House Resolution 731

By: Representatives Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup> and Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Global Sikh Community and recognizing April 14, 2019, as Universal  
2 Brotherhood Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Guru Nanak, founder of Sikhi philosophy, preached the message of Universal  
4 brotherhood of entire mankind. He preached the existence of only One Creator (whatever  
5 one may call It: God, Allah, Ishwar, Adonai, etc.) and the entire creation being created by  
6 that One Creator. Guru Nanak's message of One Creator, the Father, and the entire  
7 humanity, its children, was accepted by the masses wherever he visited and by whoever  
8 heard and understood it. By this message, he preached the equality among mankind without  
9 any distinction of gender, religion, race, color, creed, ethnicity, or whatever else; and

10 WHEREAS, Guru Nanak traveled all over India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Ladakh, Tibet,  
11 Amman, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, etc., for over 27 years. Everywhere he went,  
12 his followers established centers for practicing Guru Nanak's teaching; and

13 WHEREAS, while various selfish individuals were dividing the human family into various  
14 groups based on faith, race, ethnicity, gender, color, creed, etc., and spreading hatred toward  
15 other groups, Guru Nanak was doing exactly the opposite. Guru Nanak was uniting the  
16 entire Human family under one philosophy of "One Creator, One Human family" with equal  
17 respect and love for all, regardless of their faith, race, ethnicity, gender, color, creed, etc.; and

18 WHEREAS, Guru Nanak preached that human family members should rise above such  
19 differences in faith, race, ethnicity, gender, color, creed, etc., and recognize The Creator's  
20 beautiful Creation, with such differences, as one family with love and respect for all; and

21 WHEREAS, even today, the practice of dividing the Human Family into various factions  
22 based on their religion, race, ethnicity, color, creed, gender, etc., and spread of hatred  
23 continues. The enlightened ones today realize that the message of "One Creator, One Human

24 Family" is equally applicable today and needs to be practiced by everyone in Atlanta and the  
25 world over; and

26 WHEREAS, Guru Nanak had nine successor Gurus in human form. On Vaisakhi day in  
27 1699, the tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, firmly implemented the philosophy of everyone  
28 being equal children of The One, The Creator, among his followers by creating an order of  
29 Khalsa, brotherhood of all those who accepted and strictly followed the equality among  
30 mankind; and

31 WHEREAS, for that reason, the Global Sikh Community chose to proclaim April 14 as the  
32 Universal Brotherhood Day, the Vaisakhi day of the 550th birth anniversary year of Guru  
33 Nanak, the founder of Sikhi Philosophy.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
35 the members of this body commend the Global Sikh Community and recognize April 14,  
36 2019, as Universal Brotherhood Day at the state capitol.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
38 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
39 Global Sikh Community.